

The library facility at TAMUQ (and soon, NUQ)

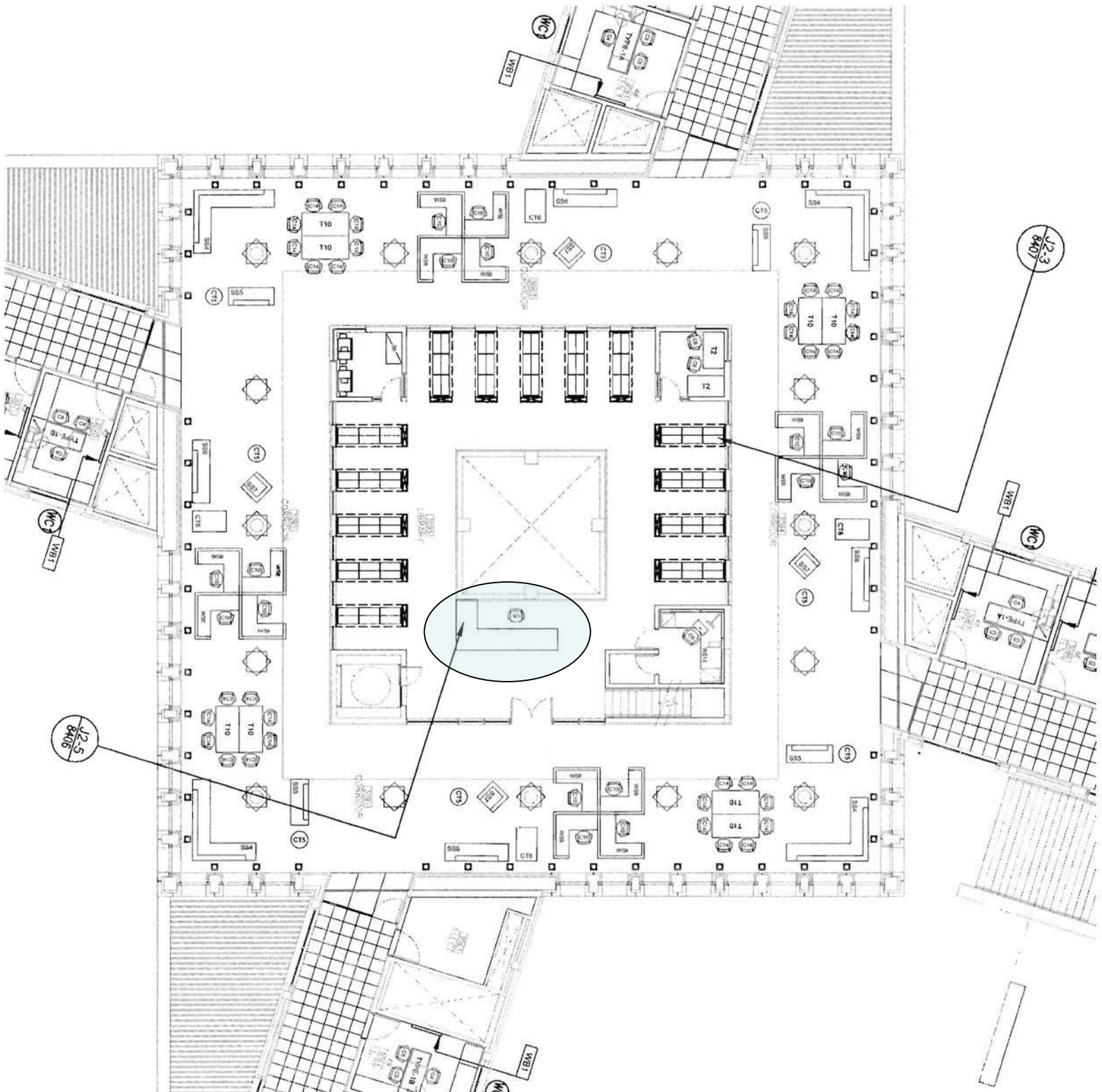
Pictures are worth 1000 words.
Below is a view from the library commons through the
library entrance of the public service desk



In the middle

- In the center of the architectural diagrams you'll notice a big square. This is the central mechanical chase for the building, and dead space around which the library is constructed.
- There is no noise or other disturbance from this area, but its existence reduces the square footage available.
- Downstairs, the public service desk juts out from this wall at the entrance, and walkways, three very small workrooms and library shelving surrounds it.
- Upstairs, in the mezzanine, the offices, study rooms and walkways are wrapped around the chase.

Downstairs



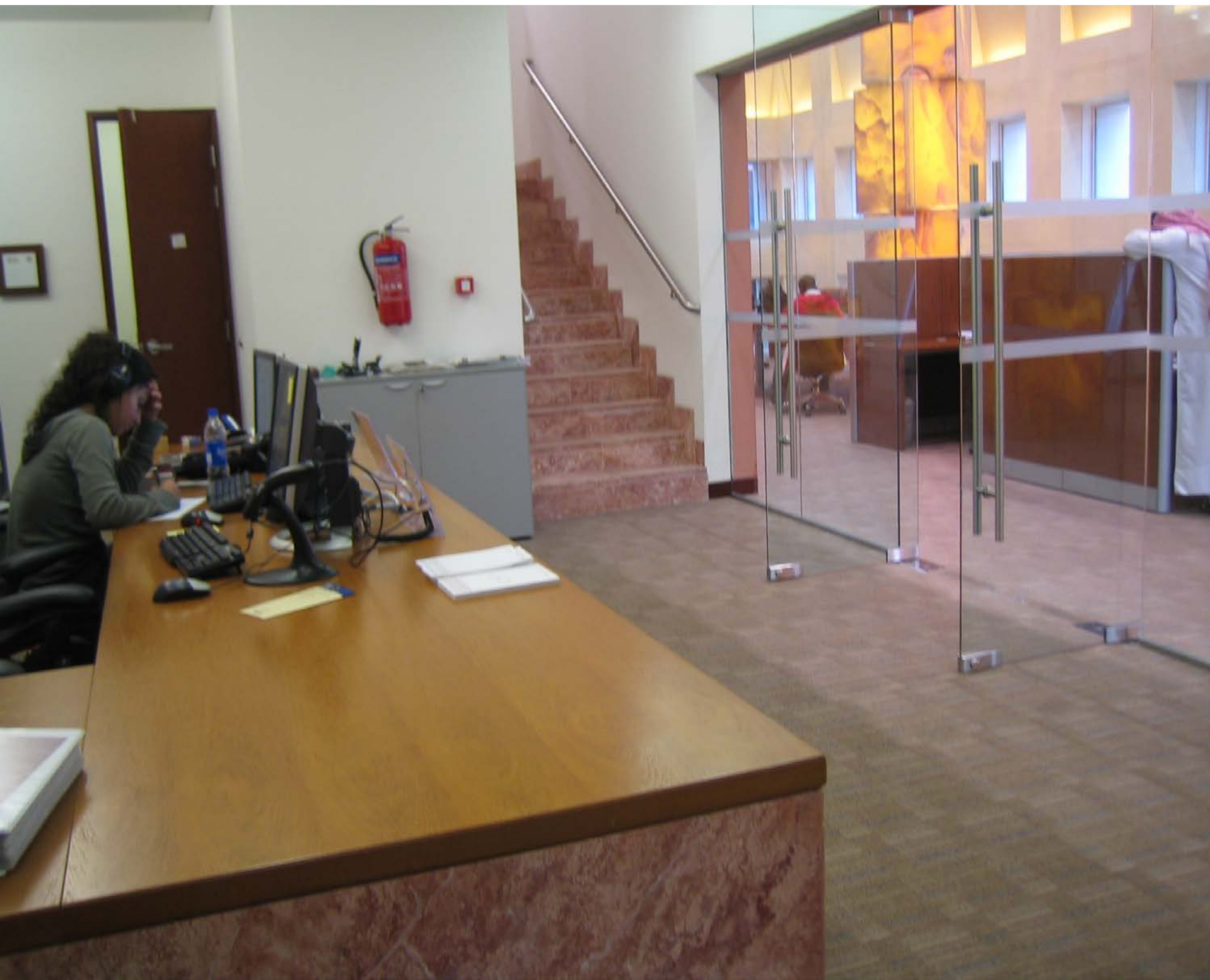
There is a single **public service desk** (circled) downstairs, that will accommodate two persons. There is non-standard book shelving with a capacity of approx. 9000 volumes. At present, there is no security gate. Glass entrance locks manually at floor. There is a stairway to the mezzanine level, and a handicap access elevation which has not yet been made operational

The entrance and service desk

As noted, no security gate was installed.

The reasons are unknown. We have requested that one be installed.

Notice the carrels and stone pillar outside in the commons area.



The Library Commons

Surrounding the library 'proper', there is a library commons – a large open area with carrels, study tables, sofas and chairs, a color printer and a copier/printer available 24x7. The space has heavy traffic from students. Noise has been an issue during our first semester here.

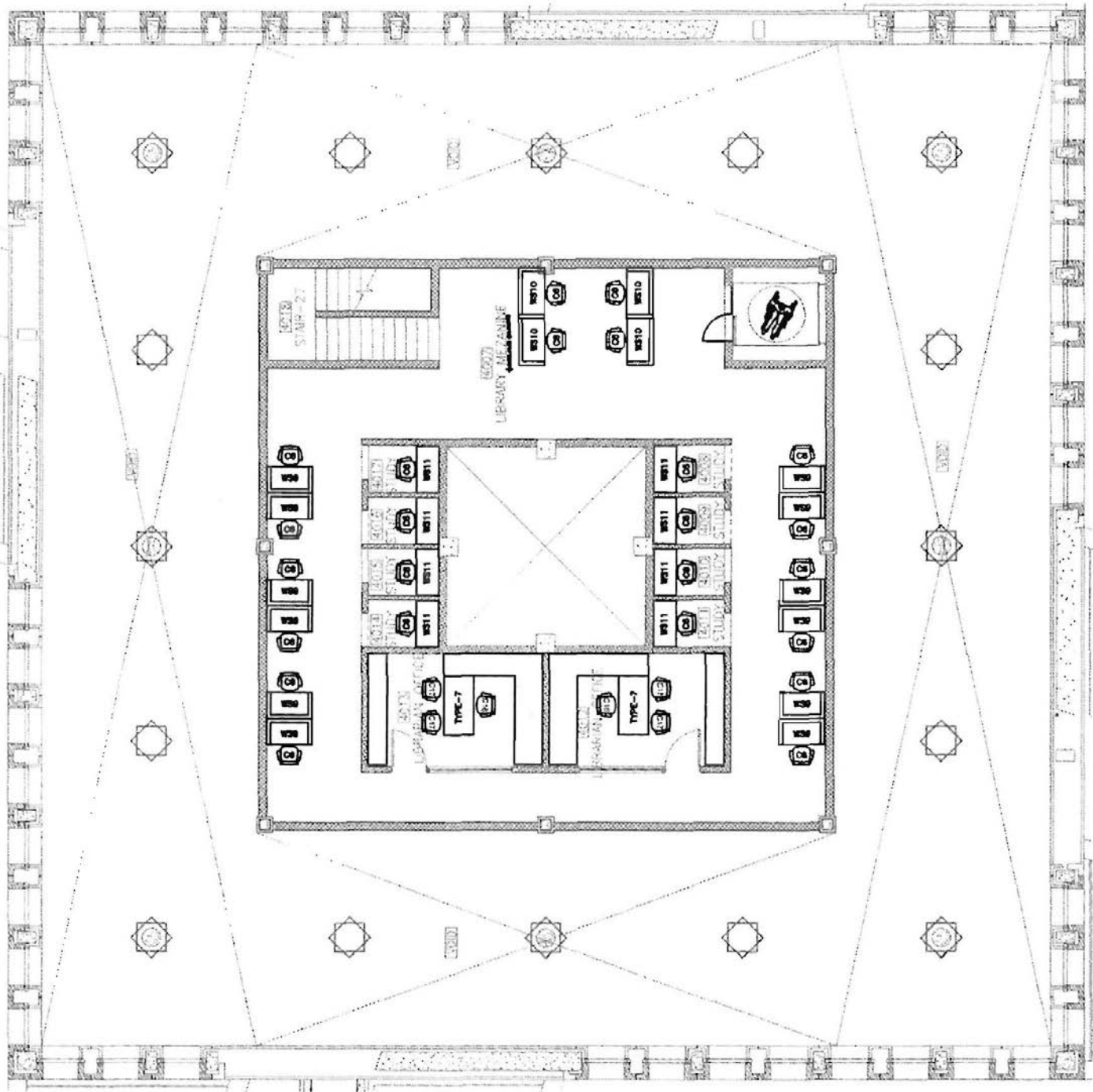
Large stone pillars are the accent pieces throughout the commons. The open area reaches up to beyond the roof level of the upstairs.



Mezzanine (Upstairs)

Two large offices are at the back of the mezzanine. There are eight study rooms/niches (no doors) and 16 individual study carrels.

It is my understanding that the NUQ library will occupy the upstairs.



Mezzanine

- Currently, there is a large 4 person carrel at the top of the stairs in the mezzanine level. Notice there are no walls to prevent objects, such as books, being thrown downstairs into the commons. It is hoped that the added shelving will create a barrier to both sound and space.



The elevator

The handicap access elevator has not yet become operational, but exists opposite the stairs towards the front of the library. A book truck will fit into the elevator.



Mezzanine study rooms

- There are 8 study niches upstairs with no doors, containing small desks and a single chair. In the walkway around the mezzanine, several carrels have been placed.



Mezzanine offices

There are two large offices at the back of the mezzanine level, with huge fishbowl windows. These could accommodate two persons if the furniture is adjusted.



Inside a Mezzanine office

